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1. MRS. JUDITH HART, MINISTER FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT, ANNOUNCED IN PARLIAMENT MARCH 27 THAT THERE WOULD BE NO NEW BRITISH AID TO CHILE AND THAT ALL UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESENT AID WAS BEING STOPPED EXCEPT FOR SUPPORT FOR

CHILEAN STUDENTS AND GRADUATES COMING TO BRITAIN AND FOR THE COMPLETION OF ONE OR TWO MINOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS.

2. MRS. HART WAS ASKED BY A CONSERVATIVE MEMBER WHETHER, AS SHE HAD SAID WHEN A MEMBER OF THE OPPOSITION UNDER THE CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT, SHE INTENDED TO BRING PRESSURE ON IBRD AND IMF TO STOP ALL INTERNATIONAL AID TO CHILE. SHE REPLIED THAT SHE COULD NOT REVEAL WHAT STEPS SHE HAD TAKEN. MRS. HART ADDED THAT SHE HAD HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTERIAL COLLEAGUES IN EUROPE, BUT SAID SHE COULD NOT REVEAL THE CONTENTS OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS.

3. BRITISH AID TO CHILE IN SIX MONTHS ENDING MARCH 31 IS ESTIMATED AT 370,000 POUNDS STERLING OF WHICH 64,000 POUNDS IS REMAINDER OF LOAN SIGNED IN 1969. TOTAL VALUE OF AID SUSPENDED IS 274,000 POUNDS, AND, IN VIEW OF SUSPENSION, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 30 BRITISH TECHNICIANS AND OTHER EXPERTS WILL LEAVE CHILE.

4. BRITISH RECENTLY SIGNED PARIS CLUB AGREEMENT, AND WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE IN THEIR ATTITUDE ON DEBT RESCHEDULING.

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